

March 19, 2009

**S 698. CITY/COUNTY FEE INCREASE ON INTERNET.** Filed 3/19/09. *REQUIRING THAT CITIES AND COUNTIES GIVE ELECTRONIC NOTICE OF THE IMPOSITION OF NEW FEES AND INCREASES IN EXISTING FEES.*

Creates GS 153A-455 and 160A-499.1 to require counties and cities to provide electronic notice at least seven days in advance of the imposition of or increase in rates, fees, charges, or penalties related to county and city services and public enterprises. Requires newspaper publication of the notice if the county or city does not have an Internet site. Effective July 1, 2009.

**Intro. by Boseman.**

GS 153A, 160A

May 13, 2009

**S 698. CITY/COUNTY/SANITARY DISTRICT FEES/INTERNET (NEW).** Filed 3/24/09. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Rewrites bill to make it applicable to cities, counties, and sanitary districts by enacting new GS 160A-4.1 (was, new GS 160A-499.1), GS 153A-102.1 (was, new GS 153A-455), and GS 130A-64.1, respectively. Retains requirement that fee increases be posted on websites maintained by employees of the applicable unit, but deletes alternative requirement that notice be posted in newspaper in cases where unit does not maintain a website. For cities and counties, limits requirement for electronic posting to the imposition of or increase in fees associated with planning and development regulations. Exempts fees contained in annual budgets from electronic notice requirements. Makes a conforming change to the title.

June 25, 2009

**S 698. CITY/COUNTY/SANITARY DISTRICT FEES/INTERNET.** Filed 3/19/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Adds to proposed GS 153A-102.1 (counties) and GS 160A-4.1 (cities) that the local government must provide electronic notice of the imposition of or increase in fees or charges levied in connection with public enterprises as defined in GS 153A-274 and GS 160A-311, respectively, on its Website at least seven days prior to the first regular meeting where the change will be discussed. Also adds in proposed GS 153A-102.1, GS 160A-4.1, and GS 130A-64.1 (sanitary districts) that, during the consideration of the imposition of or increase in charges or fees, the governing body must permit a period of public comment. Makes conforming changes.

Amends GS 162A-9 to require that, if a water or sewer authority has an employee maintained Website, the authority must provide notice of the imposition of or increase in rates, fees, or charges under the statute on its Website at least seven days prior to the first regular meeting where the change will be discussed. Specifies that this provision does not apply if the imposition of or increase in rates, fees, and charges is contained in a budget filed in accordance with the requirements of GS 159-12.

Changes the effective date from July 1, 2009, to August 1, 2009.

July 14, 2009

**S 698. CITY/COUNTY/SANITARY DISTRICT FEES/INTERNET.** Filed 3/19/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Provides in proposed GS 153A-102.1 (related to counties), GS 160A-4.1 (related to cities), GS 130A-64.1 (related to sanitary districts), and GS 162A-9(a1) (related to water and sewer authorities) that, if the entity has an employee-maintained website, notice must be provided of the imposition of or increase in fees (or rates in GS 130A-64.1 and GS 162A-9) or charges *applicable solely to the construction of development*, subject to the specified statutory provisions, on the web site at least seven days prior to the first meeting (was, first *regular* meeting) where the imposition of or increase in fees or charges is on the agenda for consideration (was, will be discussed). Deletes application to an increase in charges or fees levied in connection with public enterprises in GS 153A-102.1 and GS 160A- 4.1. Makes clarifying and technical changes. Adds in GS 162A-9(a1) that, during the consideration of the imposition of or increase in rates, fees, or charges, the authority must permit a period of public comment.

July 16, 2009

**S 698. CITY/COUNTY/SANITARY DISTRICT FEES/INTERNET.** Filed 3/19/09. House amendment makes the following changes to 4th edition. Changes the effective date of the act from August 1, 2009, to September 1, 2009.

August 18, 2009

**SL 2009-436 (S 698). CITY/COUNTY/SANITARY DISTRICT FEES/INTERNET. AN ACT REQUIRING THAT CITIES, COUNTIES, SANITARY DISTRICTS, AND WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITIES GIVE ELECTRONIC NOTICE OF THE IMPOSITION OF CERTAIN NEW FEES AND INCREASES IN CERTAIN EXISTING FEES AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD WHEN THE IMPOSITION OR INCREASE OF THOSE FEES IS CONSIDERED.** Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 3/19/09, 5/13/09, 6/25/09, 7/14/09, and 7/16/09. Enacted August 7, 2009. Effective September 1, 2009.